Managerial Microeconomics

Information on Discussions

While quizzes, exams, and the business application paper are the foundations of this class, an important part of economic skill building is applying microeconomic theory to real world issues. As this is a hybrid class, I have opened up discussions on Canvas’s discussion section. You will be expected to post an original thought addressing the prompt that I post. Then, you’ll need to post a reply to another student’s post. Each post should be a paragraph or two.

There are three discussion topics. By Thursday of each week that a discussion is due, you must submit an original post. By Sunday of that week, you must reply to another student’s post. The due dates for these posts are listed below:

**Due Dates for Original Posts:**

1st Post: March 16th

2nd Post: March 30th

3rd Post: April 20th

**Due Dates for Reply Posts:**

1st Reply: March 19th

2nd Reply: April 2nd

3rd Reply: April 23rd

To receive full credit on a discussion topic you must actively participate in our class discussions. Response posts should be relevant and polite, with the student authoring the original post also responding to comments. The reply/responsive posts are expected to be more than a series of “I agree with that” and “Good Post” type comments but rather substantive comments and informative answers. The tone and tenor of the discussion should be lively, civil and informative.

You will only be formally graded on your original post; however, failure to write a substantial reply post will result in a zero for your discussion post grade for that week. Also, failure to submit posts before their scheduled deadline will result in a zero.

**Rubric:**

Everyone will receive a grade based on his or her performance for each discussion topic (for a total of three grades). Each grade will involve three criteria, each worth one point. The grading is broken down by the rubric below:

**Discussion Rubric**

| Discussion Rubric | | |
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| **Criteria** | **Ratings** | **Pts** |
| Comprehension of Topic  The explanations address the prompt in a clear and concise manner. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **1 to >0.0 pts**  **Full Marks** | **0 pts**  **No Marks** | | 1 pts |
| Connection to Economics  The post should use economic theory correctly and in such a way that it elevates and informs the discussion. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **1 to >0.0 pts**  **Full Marks** | **0 pts**  **No Marks** | | 1 pts |
| Professionalism, Spelling, and Grammar  Professional, respectful, and grammatically correct language should be used throughout. Spelling mistakes should be kept to a minimum. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **1 to >0.0 pts**  **Full Marks** | **0 pts**  **No Marks** | | 1 pts |
| Total Points: 3 | | |